De-Recognition of empanelled hospitals, clinics etc.

*607. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centers empanelled under CGHS in Delhi which have been de-recognized recently on the recommendations of CBI;

(b) the reasons for their de-recognition;

(c) the names with designations of the officers of the CGHS against whom FIR was filed by the CBI in November, 2004;

(d) the nature of allegations levelled against them; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to weed out corruption and touts from CGHS, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have confirmed that they have not registered any case against CGHS officers/ officials during November, 2004. Further, the CGHS/Department of Health does not have any information of the CBI having recommended names of private hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centers empanelled under CGHS Delhi for de-recognising them.

A Standing Committee was earlier constituted in the Directorate General of Health Services vide order dated the 26th August, 2003 to review the referral systems and appropriateness of procedures/treatment given by Private Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres recognized under CGHS Delhi. The Committee had inspected the Private Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres recognized under CGHS Delhi and based on the report of the Standing Committee; it was decided to stop the referral of CGHS beneficiaries to seven private Hospitals and two Diagnostic Centres with effect from 23rd September, 2004.

The CGHS Directorate have made attempts to bring transparency in the services provided to its beneficiaries in the following manner:—

(a) Medical reimbursement claims of individual serving/pensioner beneficiaries and bills of CGHS recognized private hospitals/ diagnostic centers are received by giving a computer number serially.

(b) The medical claims are processed date-wise serially.

(c) The status of the medical reimbursement claims submitted by the beneficiaries with the CGHS Directorate are available on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's website viz. WWW.MOHFW.NIC.IN

(d) The bills of the CGHS Authorised Local Chemists are processed on a first-come-first-served basis.

(e) From December, 2004, onwards, the amount reimbursed against the medical claims of CGHS pensioner cardholders is directly credited to their Bank Accounts through the Electronic Clearance System (ECS).

Naturopathy System of Medicine

†*608. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognized "Naturopathy" as a system of medicine;

(b) if so, whether guidelines governing qualification, classification and syllabus for the doctors of this system have been prepared; and

(c) if not, whether there is any such scheme under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) There is no central law for regulating education and practice' in Naturopathy at present. As such, there are no legal provisions or guidelines governing qualification, classification and syllabus for the practitioners of naturopathy at central level. The question of setting up of a statutory body for regulating education and practice in Yoga and Naturopathy was examined in the past. In view of the small number of colleges imparting Degree Courses and the limited infrastructure available with most of the State Governments, it was decided that the time was not yet ripe to set up a statutory body for Yoga and Naturopathy. The State Governments have been advised to set up their own bodies for regulating education in Yoga and Naturopathy in the respective States.

MNCs' Monopoly in grain market

†*610. SHRI SURENDRALATH:

SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

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